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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC ACID BY FERMENTATION

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I, Yoshihiko Hara of c/o Ajinomoto Co., Inc., 1-1, Suzuki-cho, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa, who deposes and states that:

1. I am a graduate of Tokyo University, Japan, where I majored in microbiology and molecular biology.

2. I have been employed by Ajinomoto Co., Inc. for 6 years as a researcher in the fields of microbiology and molecular biology.

3. I have understood the Office Action dated March 19, 2004.

4. The following experiments were conducted by me or under my direct supervision and control.

Screening for the strains with improved resistance to
L-glutamic acid at a high concentration in a low pH environment